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In Re Application of: Lixiao Wang et al.

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10/080,781

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For:

BLOCK COPOLYMER ELASTOMER CATHETER  
BALLOONS

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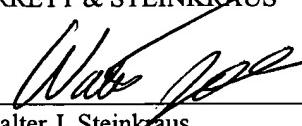
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:  
3 pg IDS; 18 pgs of 1449 form; copies of References; copy of US application 09/712042; VAS Transmittal Letter; and Postcard.
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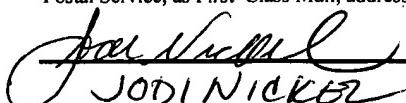
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Listed below or on an attached Form PTO-1449 and/or a copy of a PTO-892 form is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed publication, U.S. patent, foreign patent and U.S. patent application is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, *except that* U.S. applications from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, and documents cited in such priority applications, may be omitted from the enclosures pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Applicant's submission of copies of U.S. applications does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such applications. As such, Applicant requests that any copies of unpublished US applications submitted herewith be excluded from the file wrapper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.14.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If form PTO-1449 or PTO-892 from a prior application is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

Applications that are listed on the accompanying modified form 1449 as related by priority are related by priority claim under 35 USC §120. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of cited art in a previous application(s) to which priority was claimed need be submitted. Applicant is providing copies of the 1449 and/or 892 forms from these cases.

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT AND PUBLISHED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

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AA	6171278		Wang et al.		
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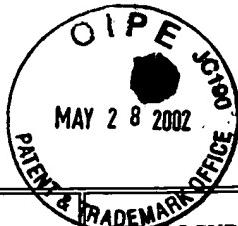
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CB	Koeh, "PEBAX (Polyether Block Amide)", Advances in Polymer Technology, Vol 2, No. 3 1982 pp. 160-162.		
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CH	Bhowmick, et al eds., <u>Handbook of Elastomers</u> , Chapters 10 and 12, Marcel Dekker Inc., pp 341-373 and 411-442.		
CI	Walker, et al, eds. <u>Handbook of Thermoplastic Elastomers</u> , Chapter 8, Van Nostrand Reinhold Co., NY pp 258-281.		
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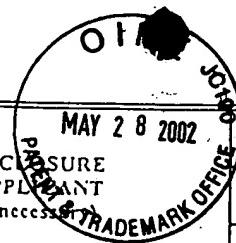
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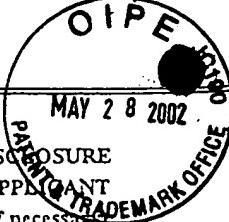
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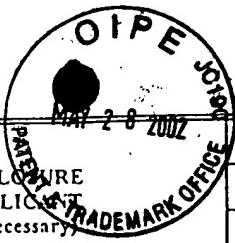
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